Statistics Scavenger Hunt on the U.S. and Mexico

Handout 3.2

**Directions:** (1) Fill out the chart for the U.S. and Mexico using the CIA World Fact Book site.

(2) Add one other factor at the end that you found on the CIA World Fact Book.

(3) Each student, on a separate piece of paper, must choose the **category** he or she thinks is most important, and write a paragraph to justify his or her answer.

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| **Category** | **Factor** | **United States** | **Mexico** |
| Health | Infant Mortality Rate:  *Number of babies that die each year per 1,000 births* | 6.06 per 1,000 | 17.29 per 1,000 |
| Life Expectancy:  *Number of years the average baby is expected to live if born today* | 78.37 years | 76.47 years |
| Drinking Water Source:  *Percentage of people who have access to clean drinking water* | Total: 100 % | Total: 94 % |
| Education | Literacy Rate:  *Percentage of people that can read and write* | 99 % | 86 % |
| School Life Expectancy:  *How many years most students go to school* | 16 years | 14 years |
| Education Expenditures:  *What percent of government money is spent on education* | 5.5 % of GDP | 4.8 % of GDP |
| Economy | GDP - per capita:  *The average amount of money most a families earn each year* | $47,200 | $13,900 |
| Unemployment Rate:  *The percentage of people that do not have a job* | 9.7 % | 5.5 % |
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